

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Road barrier with a function as a traffic-divider or of lateral containment and protection, said barrier comprising a plurality of modules each of which has at least an upright, or vertical component, fixed in the ground, and at least a first longitudinal element, or horizontal component, associated therewith, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said upright (12) and said first longitudinal element (13) consist of tubular profiles, said upright (12) being arranged through inside said first longitudinal element (13), so that said first longitudinal element (13) can be moved vertically and selectively clamped at a desired height along said upright (12).

2. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a base (11) provided with an inclined side (11b) protruding towards the roadway (14), said upright (12) being arranged through inside said base (11).

3. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said side (11b) has a curvilinear conformation and defines a concavity facing towards the roadway (14).

4. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 2 ~~or 3, characterized in that~~ , wherein said base (11) ~~consists of~~ comprises a tubular profile with a substantially trapezoid section.

5. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base (11) has at least a hole for passing therethrough (17) ~~by means of which it is able to be~~

~~filled with~~ a material suitable to increase the rigidity of the base thereof, such as mortar of cement (18), or concrete.

6. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 1 to 3 inclusive~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said base (11) consists of a full- section article, made of concrete or armed cement.

7. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 6 inclusive~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said base (11) is mounted on spacer elements (15) able to keep it the base slightly raised with respect to the ground and arranged distanced from each other ~~in order~~ to allow ~~the~~ water to drain from the roadway (14).

8. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said spacer elements (15) ~~are made of~~ comprise synthetic material selected from the group consisting of ~~such as~~ plastic, nylon, and Teflon ~~or suchlike~~.

9. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein at least on ~~the a~~ bottom part of said base, said base (11) has through transverse apertures able to allow ~~the~~ water to drain from the roadway (14).

10. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 9 inclusive~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said base (11) is able to slide vertically along said upright (12) to be arranged at different heights according to the variations in height of the roadway (14).

11. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 10 inclusive~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said upright (12) is arranged off- center towards the outside of the carriageway (36) with respect to said base (11).

12. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein said upright (12) integrally includes coupling means for an extension upright (112) to be associated at the a top part of said upright thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said coupling means comprise at least an inner threading (22) on which a threaded sleeve (21), associated with said extension upright (112), is able to be screwed.

14. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said coupling means comprise through transverse holes (25) able to cooperate with mating holes (24) made on a sleeve (23) associated with said extension upright (112), said sleeve (23) being able to be inserted and attached, by ~~means of~~ pins ~~[[,]]~~ or screws ~~or suchlike~~, to said upright (12).

15. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore~~, characterized in that, claim 1, comprising at least a second longitudinal element above said first longitudinal element (13), ~~it comprises at least a~~ said second longitudinal element (30), ~~consisting of~~ comprising a tubular profile, passed through by said upright (12) along which ~~it~~ said second longitudinal element can be moved and selectively clamped.

16. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein said longitudinal elements (13,30) cooperate with collar means (27) provided with insertion apertures for pin means (38) which allow ~~them~~ said longitudinal elements to be reversibly clamped on said upright (12).

17. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said insertion apertures are able to be aligned with mating holes (37) made at variable heights on said upright (12) for the through insertion of said pin means (38).

18. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ wherein said collar means (27) are integrally made on said longitudinal elements (13,30).

19. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ , wherein said collar means (27) are attached on said longitudinal elements (13,30).

20. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ , wherein said collar means (27) are autonomous elements able to be attached on said upright (12) to support said longitudinal elements (13,30) from below and to prevent their vertical displacement.

21. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that it includes panels (35) of the~~ claim 1, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle ~~type~~ panels.

22. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~claims 15 and 21, characterized in that~~ claim 15, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle panels, wherein said panels (35) are arranged between said first longitudinal element (13) and said second longitudinal element (30).

23. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~claims 15 and 21, characterized in that~~ claim 15, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle panels, wherein said panels (35) are arranged above said second longitudinal element (30).

24. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said first longitudinal element (13) and/or said second longitudinal element

(30) are passed through longitudinally by a reinforcement element (28) ~~made of~~ comprising high resistance material ~~such as~~ selected from the group consisting of a metal cable or a strip of synthetic fiber.

25. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least said first longitudinal element (13) has an ovoid section, or similar, and longer lateral segments (13a) having a convexity facing towards the outside, so as to be distanced from said upright (12).

26. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 1 to 24 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least said first longitudinal element (13) has a polygonal section, ~~or similar,~~ vertically extended.

27. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that at least~~ claim 1, wherein said first longitudinal element (13) has a plane upper segment (13b) and lower segment (13e) in correspondence with which ~~it~~ said first longitudinal element is passed through by said upright (12).

28. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that it comprises~~ claim 1, comprising sleeve means (31) or plate means able to be inserted in a retracted position inside contiguous bases (11) or longitudinal elements (13,30) ~~in order~~ suitable to join them together by means of pin or screw means (34) ~~or suchlike~~.

29. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said tubular profiles are made of metal.

30. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in~~
~~that, claim 1, wherein~~ at ~~the~~ a lower part, said tubular profiles have through holes to drain the
condensation and water which has infiltrated inside said tubular profiles ~~them~~.